



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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| DECISION: 62/2025 | DATE: 8 th December 2025 |
| TITLE: Allocation of the Ministry of Justice's PCC Strategic Commissioning Fund 2025/26 | |
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| SPONSOR: Rebecca Keech, Senior Policy and Partnerships Manager (Commissioning and Procurement) | |
| Executive Summary This recommendation report seeks the approval of the Police and Crime Commissioner to allocate £45,161.50 to the projects listed below. | |
| Recommendation The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to allocate the Ministry of Justice PCC Strategic Commissioning Fund 2025/26 funding towards the five projects listed below. | |

PART I

1. Background and Advice

In November 2025, the Ministry of Justice launched the 'PCC Strategic Commissioning Fund 2025/26'. The purpose of the fund is to strengthen OPCC victims services commissioning and / or improve capacity/resilience within their commissioned victim support services.

After a successful application, Lancashire OPCC has been awarded £39,961.50 for the implementation of five short term projects. A summary of each proposal can be found below:

Application 1: Sector Development – BAME Organisations

Through market engagement the Commissioning and Procurement team have identified a gap in skills, knowledge or capacity to apply for funding particularly for BAME organisations. This project aims to strengthen the capacity and sustainability of BAME-led organisations. Through two full-day workshops, participants will improve skills in bid writing, data collection, safeguarding, and see best practice in partnership collaboration.

Total project cost: £4,500 (MoJ Strategic Fund - £3,500.00, PCC contribution - £1,000)

Project timeline: **January 2026 – March 2026.**

Full application can be found at **Appendix A.**

Application 2: VAWG Consultation – Children and Young People Focus

Following the VAWG Survey (commissioned by the OPCC), this project seeks to expand the Lancashire findings to includes the perspectives of Children and Young People. Activities will include designing and delivering focus groups, engaging boys and young men to understand perceptions of OPCC campaign messaging and attitudes towards misogyny. Findings will be disseminated through webinars, stakeholder meetings and community events.

Total project cost: £22,900 (MoJ Strategic Fund - £21,300.00, PCC contribution - £1,600)

Project timeline: **November 2025 – March 2026.**

Full application can be found at **Appendix B.**

Application 3: Sector Development – Domestic Abuse Service Leaders

This project aims to support and develop the leaders of 3 organisations in Lancashire whose services support victims of domestic abuse, by focusing on sustainability and resilience. The project will be led by an experienced CEO in the charity sector. The lead CEO will focus on development in 3 key areas: supervision, CEO workshops and board development.

Total project cost: £9,581.50 (MoJ Strategic Fund - £8,081.50, PCC contribution - £1,500)

Project timeline: **December 2025 – May 2026.**

Full application can be found at **Appendix C.**

Application 4: VAWG Consultation – BAME

Following the VAWG Survey (commissioned by the OPCC), this project seeks to expand the Lancashire findings to includes the perspectives of BAME communities. Analysis of respondents found that women from racially minoritised communities were statistically underrepresented. To address inequalities, this proposal details targeted culturally sensitive engagement activities delivered by a trusted by and for BAME organisation Humraaz. This project will deliver 10 facilitated engagement sessions across Lancashire.

Total project cost: **£3,080.00 (Funded through the MoJ Strategic Fund)**

Project timeline: **January 2026 – March 2026.**

Full application can be found at **Appendix D.**

Application 5: Sector Training – Homicide Timeline (Domestic Abuse & Suicide)

This project will deliver 2 days of training for 50 multiagency professionals including police officers, social workers, mental health practitioners and Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs). Professor Jane Monckton-Smith OBE will deliver the Homicide Timeline training to key professionals in the aim to improve risk assessment identification, management and support given to victims of domestic abuse.

Total project cost: **£5,000 (£4,000.00 – MoJ Strategic Fund, £1,000 – PCC contribution)**

Project timeline: **January 2026 – March 2026.**

Full application can be found at **Appendix E.**

The projects will be managed and overseen by the Commissioning and Procurement team, with input from the Violence Against Women and Girls and Victims team.

The output of each project will be documented in the end of year Ministry of Justice report.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

This recommendation supports the Commissioners Priority to:

Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls through:

- Sector Development BAME – by strengthening capacity and sustainability, a better level of service will be provided for BAME communities.
- Sector Development Mentoring - by strengthening capacity and sustainability in service providers, victims will receive a better service. It promotes collaboration between service providers across Lancashire.
- Sector Training DA and Suicide - by providing training to professionals for the Homicide Timeline, organisations will be better enabled to identify victims who are at risk of Homicide or Suicide.

Rebuild Public Trust and Confidence through:

- VAWG Consultation – Children and Young People – findings from the consultation will be incorporated into the campaign to raise awareness of misogynistic behaviours.
- VAWG Consultation – BAME - findings from the consultation will be incorporated into the campaign to raise awareness of misogynistic behaviours.

3. Consultations

The Commissioning and Procurement team have consulted with service providers and training professionals across Lancashire to ensure that the projects listed above are viable.

4. Implications:

a. Legal

Grant agreements will be developed between providers and the OPCC.

b. Financial

The Ministry of Justice have allocated £39,961.50 towards the projects, the OPCC have offered match funding of £5,200.00.

c. Equality Impact Assessment

An equality impact assessment is available on request.

d. Data Protection Assessment

Not applicable.

5 Risk Management

See Appendix F: Risk Register

6. Background Papers

Appendix A: Application 1: Sector Development – BAME Organisations

Appendix B: Application 2: VAWG Consultation – Children and Young People

Appendix C: Application 3: Sector Development – Domestic Abuse Service Leaders

Appendix D: Application 4: VAWG Consultation - BAME

Appendix E: Application 5: Sector Training – Homicide Timeline (Domestic Abuse & Suicide)

Appendix F: Risk Register

7. Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

| Officer declaration | Date |
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| LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above | |
| FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above | |
| EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above | |
| CONSULTATION – As above | |
| Author Signature: Emily Slinger | Date: 16.12.25 |
| Sponsor I have read the above report and confirm this is factually correct. Signature: Rebecca Keech | Date: 16.12.25 |
| Section 151 Officer for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner I have read the above report and have considered the financial implications. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate (financial) request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire. Signature: Steve Freeman | Date: 16.12.25 |
| Chief Executive (Monitoring Officer) for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire. Signature: Anna Hopkins | Date: 16.12.25 |